Dr. Groundhog is a weather scientist. She's playful, smart, goofy, a jolly nerd, and complete weather geek.

Mr. Bat greets Dr. Groundhog warmly and points to the kids. The kids <SFX: WALLA HELLO>.

DR. GROUNDHOG
Hello!

Dr. Groundhog makes silly and funny faces and poses at Miri <SFX: BABY PLAYING SOUNDS>, making Miri <SFX: GIGGLES>.

ELINOR
Dr. Groundhog, did you say you were looking for your shadow?

DR. GROUNDHOG
I did! I was trying to find out what the weather was like.

The kids look a little confused.

DR. GROUNDHOG (CONT'D)
If you see your shadow when you're outside, it means the sun is out!

She looks around for her shadow, then gets comically startled when she finds it.

DR. GROUNDHOG (CONT'D)
Oh, ah, there you are! Hmmm, yes, it's definitely sunny. (winking at the kids) Isn't that right, shadow? (mumbled trying to project as the shadow talking) Yes! Me and the sun are old friends.

The kids <SFX: GIGGLE>, especially Ari, who looks to the others as if to say "She does it too!"

MR. BAT
Dr. Groundhog is a weather scientist, and she's in town to study the weather here and around Animal Town.

DR. GROUNDHOG
Mm-hmm. I'm going to take some measurements here and then hike up Moosehorn Mountain to get measurements there too.

The kids look at each other, impressed.

ARI
You're going to hike up Moosehorn Mountain?

DR. GROUNDHOG
Yup. I do it several times a year. It's all so we can make better predictions about the weather.

OLIVE
What's a prediction, Dr. Groundhog?

DR. GROUNDHOG
That's when you say what you think might happen in the future.

ELINOR
You can tell what's going to happen in the future?

DR. GROUNDHOG
Haha, sort of... Science is not just about learning about the world. It's also about observing what has happened in the past and using that to help us know what is likely to happen in the future.

ARI
That is so cool!

DR. GROUNDHOG
It is cool!

MR. BAT
Can we help you, Dr. Groundhog?

DR. GROUNDHOG
I was hoping you'd say that. Everyone can be part of observing the weather. My equipment is over there. Let's go! *